



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 406

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current law (as amended by 2003 Wisconsin Act 69) contains provisions to address the situation of Wisconsin residents who are members of the National Guard and are called to active duty while attending a campus of the University of Wisconsin System (UWS), the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS), or a private college or university in Wisconsin.

Specifically, current law requires *the UWS and the WTCS* to do one of the following for all courses for which such a student is forced to withdraw:

1. Reimburse the student for tuition, fees, and prorated room and board; or
2. Grant the student an incomplete in all the courses and allow the student to complete the courses within six months of leaving service without paying additional tuition or fees.

Current law requires a *private college or university* to grant such a student an incomplete in each course and allow the student to complete the courses within six months of leaving service, without paying additional tuition or fees. Current law does not give a private college or university the option of instead reimbursing the student for tuition, fees, and prorated room and board.

The bill requires that in addition to the provisions described above, the UWS, WTCS, and private colleges and universities must reenroll the student beginning in the semester following his or her discharge from active duty or the next succeeding semester, whichever the student prefers.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 makes the provisions under current law and the new provisions in the bill applicable to all students in the state who are called into active duty in the National Guard, not only Wisconsin residents.

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